

**Review of Draft
Request For Proposals (RFP)
for Hanford Site
Occupational Medical Services**

Interested parties (e.g., potential offerors, Hanford Site occupational medical service customers, Regulators, and other stakeholders) are hereby requested to review and provide comments on the draft solicitation, number DE-RP06-03RL14383. This notice does not constitute a commitment by the Government.

The Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL), intends to issue a competitive solicitation, using full and open competition, in early 2003, for the rendering of occupational medical services for the Hanford Site.

The Department's occupational medical service requirements pertain to Hanford Site employees who work in industrial, construction, environmental cleanup, analytical laboratory, and research laboratory settings where exposures and hazards are associated with such environments, including hazardous/toxic waste, biological agents, beryllium, and radioactive materials including forms of uranium, plutonium, and other transuranic materials. Additional information on the Hanford Site can be found at <http://www.hanford.gov>.

The Department is seeking industry interest in providing these services in the spirit of full and open competition. Specifically, the Department is soliciting comments and suggestions on how to best structure the final RFP so that the contents are clearly understood. Suggestions that will ultimately help improve the quality and verifiability of the offerors' proposal are desired. ***Please provide comments on this draft RFP no later than 11:55 PM, Sunday, December 15, 2002.*** In order to expedite the submittal of your comments and suggestions, electronic responses, sent to the e-mail address provided below, are recommended.

The Department of Energy is particularly interested in obtaining comments and recommendations for improving the RFP in the following areas:

- teaming and/or mentor-protégé arrangements that will optimize small business (small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, HUB zone businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses and service disabled veteran owned businesses) opportunities,
- the ability of potential offerors to provide accurate and verifiable pricing information for the initial three-year contract term and forward pricing information for each of the succeeding option years,
- the clarity and objectivity of the Section C Statement of Work (SOW), including any suggestions that will strengthen the performance-based orientation of the SOW, and
- the clarity and appropriateness of the proposal evaluation criteria cited in Section M.

To reiterate, the final solicitation is not currently available, but is estimated to be released in early calendar year 2003. Once released, the final solicitation will be available for downloading from the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) internet page at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. At this internet site you will be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to download the solicitation. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or e-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS_helpdesk@pr.doe.gov. Questions relating to the solicitation content must be submitted electronically to the Contracting Officer via IIPS. All responses to questions will be provided on the IIPS home page.

The decision to issue a final RFP is solely within the Department's discretion. Please note that this posting is only a draft RFP. The Government will not pay for the information requested herein, nor will it compensate any respondent for any cost incurred in developing information provided to the Government in response to this posting.